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REMARKS

The undersigned requests a personal interview with the Examiner in charge of this application.

Claim 14 was rejected as being indefinite. This claim has been canceled.

Claims 1 and 7-13 were rejected as being unpatentable over Pesa in view of Jones.

Claims 2-6 and 14 were rejected as being unpatentable over Pesa in view of Jones and Michael.

Pesa discloses a meter beater timer which accomplishes the same function as the present invention, but there are significant differences in structure as will be described below.

Jones has a personal meter timing device and was cited for the alarms given as the time remaining approaches zero.

Michael shows a kitchen timer and was cited for the use of an indicia scale.

In view of the excellent art cited by the Examiner, claim 1 has been extensively amended to recite that the housing is in the shape of a parking meter, with a display in the oval upper section in the form of an arc, with an indicator pin positioned on the display by a timing device which is set by a dial located on an upper end of the main body member. This basic combination of the housing shaped like a parking meter, the display, the timing device connected to the indicator pin, is not taught or suggested by the art of record in any possible combination.

Claims 2-3, 5-6, 9, and 11-14 have been canceled.

Depending claim 8 adds the digital screen display which is also set by the timing device, a feature lacking in the art of record.

A new claim 15 has been added drawn to the configuration illustrated in Fig. 2, using control buttons instead of the dial to set the timing device. The scope is otherwise similar to that of claim 1 with the addition of the digital screen, and distinguishes over the art of record for the reasons described above in connection with claim 1.

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All the claims recite the chain connected at one end to the bottom of the main body member and the other end of the chain connected to a key ring. This is not shown in the art of record.

Also, it is urged that the shape of the housing in the form of a parking meter is not just cosmetic. This arrangement provides for a more efficient use of space for the display and, in addition, its utility is clearly made evident without any explanation, an important aspect of this invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims in their present form clearly distinguish over the art of record and should be allowed.

A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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